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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is related to Application Serial Number (Attorney Docket Number AT9-98-921), filed
10 (concurrently herewith), entitled "Method and Apparatus for Converting Application Programming Interfaces Into Equivalent Markup Language Elements," hereby incorporated by reference.

15 ### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Technical Field:

The present invention relates generally to an improved data processing system, and, in particular, to a
20 method and apparatus for converting a program or source code file from a programming language to a markup language.

2. Description of Related Art:

25 The World Wide Web (WWW, also known simply as "the Web") is an abstract cyberspace of information that is physically transmitted across the hardware of the Internet. In the Web environment, servers and clients communicate using Hypertext Transport Protocol (HTTP) to
30 transfer various types of data files. Much of this information is in the form of Web pages identified by unique Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) or Uniform

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Resource Identifiers (URIs) that are hosted by servers on
Web sites. The Web pages are often formatted using
Hypertext Markup Language (HTML), which is a file format
that is understood by software applications, called Web
5   browsers. A browser requests the transmission of a Web
page from a particular URL, receives the Web page in
return, parses the HTML of the Web page to understand its
content and presentation options, and displays the
content on a computer display device. By using a Web
10   browser, a user may navigate through the Web using URLs
to view Web pages.

As the Web continues to increase dramatically in
size, companies and individuals continue to look for ways
to enhance its simplicity while still delivering the rich
15   graphics that people desire. Although HTML is generally
the predominant display format for data on the Web, this
standard is beginning to show its age as its display and
formatting capabilities are rather limited. If someone
desires to publish a Web page with sophisticated
20   graphical effects, the person will generally choose some
other data format for storing and displaying the Web
page. Sophisticated mechanisms have been devised for
embedding data types within Web pages or documents. At
times, an author of Web content may create graphics with
25   special data types that require the use of a plug-in.

The author of Web content may also face difficulties
associated with learning various data formats. Moreover,
many different languages other than HTML exist for
generating presentation data, such as page description
30   languages. However, some of these languages do not lend
themselves to use on the Web. Significant costs may be

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associated with mastering all of these methods.

On the other hand, the application programming interfaces (APIs) of certain operating system environments or programming environments are well-known.

5   Persons who write programs for these APIs have usually mastered the display spaces and methods of these APIs.

A standard has been proposed for Precision Graphics Markup Language (PGML), which is an eXtensible Markup Language (XML) compatible markup language. This standard

10   attempts to bridge the gap between markup languages and page description languages. Markup languages provide flexibility and power in structuring and transferring documents yet are relatively limited, by their generalized nature, in their ability to provide control

15   over the manner in which a document is displayed. PGML incorporates the imaging model common to the PostScript® language and the Portable Document Format (PDF) with the advantages of XML. However, PGML does not tap the existing skills of programmers who are very knowledgeable

20   about the syntax of many different programming languages which are used to define and implement graphical presentation capabilities on various computer platforms.

Therefore, it would useful to have a method for adapting well-known APIs in some manner for use as a

25   Web-based page description language. It would be particularly advantageous for the method to provide the ability to produce documents that conform with evolving markup language processing standards.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a method and
apparatus for converting programs and source code files
written in a programming language to equivalent markup
language files. The conversion may be accomplished by a
static process or by a dynamic process. In a static
process, a programming source code file is converted by
an application to a markup language file. A document
type definition file for a markup language is parsed; a
source code statement from a source code file is parsed;
an element defined in the document type definition file
is selected based on an association between the element
and an identifier of a routine in the source code
statement; and the selected element is written to a
markup language file. In a dynamic process, the program
is executed to generate the markup language file that
corresponds to the source code file or presentation steps
of the program. The application program is executed; a
document type definition file for a markup language is
provided as input; an element defined in the document
type definition file is selected based on a routine
called by the application program; and the selected
element is written to a markup language file.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The novel features believed characteristic of the
invention are set forth in the appended claims. The
5   invention itself, however, as well as a preferred mode of
use, further objectives and advantages thereof, will best
be understood by reference to the following detailed
description of an illustrative embodiment when read in
conjunction with the accompanying drawings, wherein:

10   **Figure 1** is a pictorial representation depicting a
data processing system in which the present invention may
be implemented in accordance with a preferred embodiment
of the present invention;

Figure 2 is a block diagram illustrating a data
15   processing system in which the present invention may be
implemented;

Figure 3 is a block diagram depicting a pictorial
representation of a distributed data processing system in
which the present invention may be implemented;

20   **Figures 4A-4B** is a block diagram depicting a system
for converting between programming language source code
files and markup language files;

Figure 5 is a flowchart depicting a process for
converting a programming language source code file to a
25   markup language file;

Figure 6 is a flowchart depicting a process for
converting a markup language file into a programming
language source code file;

Figure 7 is an example of a DTD for the programming
30   language markup language;

Figure 8 is an example of a program in which the

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program is written in the programming language that may be expected within a programming language source code file;

Figures **9A** and **9B** are examples of generated markup
5 language files;

Figures **10A-10B** are block diagrams depicting software components within an executable environment that may support the execution of an application program;

Figure **11** is a flowchart depicting a process for
10 dynamically converting a program into a markup language file;

Figure **12** is a flowchart depicting the process within an extended API for generating markup language statements;

15 Figure **13** is a block diagram depicting a Java run-time environment that includes a programming language to markup language converter application;

Figure **14** is an example of an extended graphics class;

20 Figures **15A-15E** is an example of a DTD for the Java graphics markup language;

Figures **16A-16B** is a list providing examples of methods within the graphics class that are supported within the Java graphics markup language DTD;

25 Figure **17** is a portion of a Java graphics markup language DTD;

Figure **18** is a portion of a Java program that invokes methods within the graphics class of a Java Virtual Machine; and

30 Figure **19** is an example of a markup language file that uses the Java Graphics Markup Language.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

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With reference now to the figures, **Figure 1,** a pictorial representation depicts a data processing system in which the present invention may be implemented in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present

10   invention.   A personal computer **100** is depicted which includes a system unit **110,** a video display terminal **102,** a keyboard **104,** storage devices **108,** which may include floppy drives and other types of permanent and removable storage media, and mouse **106.** Additional input devices

15   may be included with personal computer **100.** Personal computer **100** can be implemented using any suitable computer, such as an IBM Aptiva™ computer, a product of International Business Machines Corporation, located in Armonk, New York. Although the depicted representation

20   shows a personal computer, other embodiments of the present invention may be implemented in other types of data processing systems, such as network computers, Web based television set top boxes, Internet appliances, etc. Computer **100** also preferably includes a graphical user

25   interface that may be implemented by means of systems software residing in computer readable media in operation within computer **100.**

With reference now to **Figure 2,** a block diagram illustrates a data processing system in which the present

30   invention may be implemented. Data processing system **200**

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is an example of a client computer. Data processing
system **200** employs a peripheral component interconnect
(PCI) local bus architecture. Although the depicted
example employs a PCI bus, other bus architectures such as
5   Micro Channel and ISA may be used. Processor **202** and main
memory **204** are connected to PCI local bus **206** through PCI
bridge **208**. PCI bridge **208** also may include an integrated
memory controller and cache memory for processor **202**.
Additional connections to PCI local bus **206** may be made
10   through direct component interconnection or through add-in
boards. In the depicted example, local area network (LAN)
adapter **210**, SCSI host bus adapter **212**, and expansion bus
interface **214** are connected to PCI local bus **206** by direct
component connection. In contrast, audio adapter **216**,
15   graphics adapter **218**, and audio/video adapter **219** are
connected to PCI local bus **206** by add-in boards inserted
into expansion slots. Expansion bus interface **214**
provides a connection for a keyboard and mouse adapter
220, modem **222**, and additional memory **224**. SCSI host bus
20   adapter **212** provides a connection for hard disk drive **226**,
tape drive **228**, and CD-ROM drive **230**. Typical PCI local
bus implementations will support three or four PCI
expansion slots or add-in connectors.

An operating system runs on processor **202** and is used
25   to coordinate and provide control of various components
within data processing system **200** in **Figure 2**. The
operating system may be a commercially available operating
system such as OS/2, which is available from International
Business Machines Corporation. "OS/2" is a trademark of
30   International Business Machines Corporation. An object

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oriented programming system such as Java may run in
conjunction with the operating system and provides calls
to the operating system from Java programs or applications
executing on data processing system **200**. "Java" is a
5   trademark of Sun Microsystems, Inc. Instructions for the
operating system, the object-oriented operating system,
and applications or programs are located on storage
devices, such as hard disk drive **226,** and may be loaded
into main memory **204** for execution by processor **202.**

10   Those of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate
that the hardware in **Figure 2** may vary depending on the
implementation. Other internal hardware or peripheral
devices, such as flash ROM (or equivalent nonvolatile
memory) or optical disk drives and the like, may be used
15   in addition to or in place of the hardware depicted in
Figure 2. Also, the processes of the present invention
may be applied to a multiprocessor data processing
system.

         For example, data processing system **200,** if
20   optionally configured as a network computer, may not
include SCSI host bus adapter **212,** hard disk drive **226,**
tape drive **228,** and CD-ROM **230.** In that case, the
computer, to be properly called a client computer, must
include some type of network communication interface,
25   such as LAN adapter **210,** modem **222,** or the like. As
another example, data processing system **200** may be a
stand-alone system configured to be bootable without
relying on some type of network communication interface,
whether or not data processing system **200** comprises some
30   type of network communication interface. As a further
example, data processing system **200** may be a Personal

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Digital Assistant (PDA) device which is configured with
ROM and/or flash ROM in order to provide non-volatile
memory for storing operating system files and/or
user-generated data.

5   The depicted example in **Figure 2** and above-described
examples are not meant to imply architectural
limitations.

With reference now to **Figure 3,** a block diagram
depicts a pictorial representation of a distributed data

10   processing system in which the present invention may be
implemented. Distributed data processing system **300** is a
network of computers in which the present invention may be
implemented. Distributed data processing system **300**
contains a network **302,** which is the medium used to

15   provide communications links between various devices and
computers connected together within distributed data
processing system **300.** Network **302** may include permanent
connections, such as wire or fiber optic cables, or
temporary connections made through telephone connections.

20   In the depicted example, a server **304** is connected to
network **302** along with storage unit **306.** In addition,
clients **308, 310,** and **312** also are connected to a network
302. These clients **308, 310,** and **312** may be, for example,
personal computers or network computers. For purposes of

25   this application, a network computer is any computer,
coupled to a network, which receives a program or other
application from another computer coupled to the network.
In the depicted example, server **304** provides data, such as
boot files, operating system images, and applications to

30   clients **308-312.** Clients **308, 310,** and **312** are clients to

server **304.** Distributed data processing system **300** may include additional servers, clients, and other devices not shown. In the depicted example, distributed data processing system **300** is the Internet with network **302**

5   representing a worldwide collection of networks and gateways that use the TCP/IP suite of protocols to communicate with one another. At the heart of the Internet is a backbone of high-speed data communication lines between major nodes or host computers, consisting of

10   thousands of commercial, government, educational and other computer systems that route data and messages. Of course, distributed data processing system **300** also may be implemented as a number of different types of networks, such as for example, an intranet, a local area network

15   (LAN), or a wide area network (WAN). **Figure 3** is intended as an example, and not as an architectural limitation for the present invention.

　　　　Internet, also referred to as an "internetwork", is a set of computer networks, possibly dissimilar, joined

20   together by means of gateways that handle data transfer and the conversion of messages from the sending network to the protocols used by the receiving network (with packets if necessary). When capitalized, the term "Internet" refers to the collection of networks and gateways that use

25   the TCP/IP suite of protocols.

　　　　Currently, the most commonly employed method of transferring data over the Internet is to employ the World Wide Web environment, also called simply "the Web". Other Internet resources exist for transferring information,

30   such as File Transfer Protocol (FTP) and Gopher, but have not achieved the popularity of the Web. In the Web

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environment, servers and clients effect data transaction
using the Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP), a known
protocol for handling the transfer of various data files
(e.g., text, still graphic images, audio, motion video,
5   etc.). Information is formatted for presentation to a
user by a standard page description language, the
Hypertext Markup Language (HTML). In addition to basic
presentation formatting, HTML allows developers to specify
"links" to other Web resources, usually identified by a
10   Uniform Resource Locator (URL). A URL is a special syntax
identifier defining a communications path to specific
information. Each logical block of information accessible
to a client, called a "page" or a "Web page", is
identified by a URL.
15   The URL provides a universal, consistent method for
finding and accessing this information, not necessarily
for the user, but mostly for the user's Web "browser". A
browser is a software application for requesting and
receiving content from the Internet or World Wide Web.
20   Usually, a browser at a client machine, such as client **308**
or data processing system **200**, submits a request for
information identified by a URL. Retrieval of information
on the Web is generally accomplished with an
HTML-compatible browser. The Internet also is widely used
25   to transfer applications to users using browsers. With
respect to commerce on the Web, consumers and businesses
use the Web to purchase various goods and services. In
offering goods and services, some companies offer goods
and services solely on the Web while others use the Web to
30   extend their reach. Information about the World Wide Web
can be found at the Web site of the World Wide Web

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Consortium at http://www.w3.org.

　　　With reference now to **Figures 4A-4B**, a block diagram
depicts a system for converting between programming
language source code files and markup language files.

5　Converter **400** provides functionality for converting
between program language source code files and markup
language files.　Converter **400** accepts as input a Program
Language Markup Language (PLML) Document Type Definition
(DTD) file.

10　　A DTD file contains the rules for applying markup
language to documents of a given type.　It is expressed
by markup declarations in the document type declaration.
The declaration contains or points to markup declarations
that provide a grammar for a class of documents.　The

15　document type declaration can point to an external subset
(a special kind of external entity) containing markup
declarations, or can contain the markup declarations
directly in an internal subset, or can do both.　The DTD
for a document consists of both subsets taken together.

20　In other words, a DTD which provides a grammar, a body of
rules about the allowable ordering of a document's
"vocabulary" of element types, is found in declarations
within a set of internal and external sources.　In some
instances, the DTD for a particular document may be

25　included within the document itself.

　　　Although the examples are provided using XML
(eXtensible Markup Language), certain other markup
languages that are compatible with the Standard
Generalized Markup Language (SGML) family of languages

30　may be used to implement the present invention.　The
SGML-compatible language should offer Document Type

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Definition (DTD) support so that the syntax and meaning
of the tags within the system may be flexibly changed.
The input file does not necessarily have to be a DTD as
long as the input file has the ability to flexibly

5   specify the grammar or syntax constructs of a language
for input into the converter. For example, although
Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) is within the SGML
family of languages, it does not offer DTD support and
does not have the flexibility necessary for the present

10 invention.

PLML is an XML-compatible language for a particular
type of programming language. Multiple DTDs may be
specified so that a data processing system has at least
one DTD per programming language.

15   More information about XML may be found in DuCharme,
XML: The Annotated Specification, January 1999, herein
incorporated by reference.

In the example of **Figure 4A**, converter **400**
references PLML DTD file **402** as an external entity.

20 Converter **400** uses the grammar in PLML DTD file **402** to
generate a file that is consistent with the grammar
within PLML DTD file **402**.

Converter **400** also accepts as input a programming
language source code file that contains programming

25 language statements that are to be converted or
translated. Using PLML DTD file **402** as a guide for
translating programming language statements in
programming language source code file **404**, converter **400**
generates markup language file **406**, which is essentially

30 a markup language document.

Each markup language document has both a logical and

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a physical structure. Physically, the document is composed of units called entities. An entity may refer to other entities to cause their inclusion in the document. Logically, the document is composed of

5   declarations, elements, comments, character references, and processing instructions, all of which are indicated in the document by explicit markup. Converter **400** may output a markup language document that consists of a single entity or file or, alternatively, multiple

10   entities in multiple files. Examples of a DTD, source code file, and markup language file are further described below.

Figure 4B shows PLML-MLPL converter **400** operating in a "reverse" manner with respect to **Figure 4A**. Converter

15   **400** accepts PLML DTD file **402** as input in a manner similar to **Figure 4A**. However, in this example, converter **400** accepts markup language file **410** as input and generates programming language source code file **412** as output. Converter **400** is able to "reverse" the

20   direction of inputs and outputs based on the association between a programming language and a markup language provided by the PLML DTD file. The association between the programming language and the markup language through the DTD file is described in more detail further below.

25   Converter **400** may operate in one of two manners. In the first method, a static conversion process may read programming language source code file **404** or markup language file **410**, depending on the direction of the conversion, and parse each statement within the input

30   files on an individual basis. In the second method, a dynamic conversion process executes programming language

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source code file **404** in an interpretive process that
generates markup language output as a consequence of the
execution of the programming language code.
Alternatively, converter **400** provides a special execution
5   environment for dynamically converting the calls within
an executable file compiled from programming language
source code file **404**. Each of these methods of
conversion are explained in further detail below.

With reference now to **Figure 5,** a flowchart depicts
10   a process for converting a programming language source
code file to a markup language file. The method depicted
in **Figure 5** is similar to that described with respect to
Figure 4A.   The process begins with PLML-MLPL converter
reading the PLML DTD file (step **502**). The converter
15   parses the DTD file into an internal data structure (step
504). Parsing a DTD into an internal data structure such
as an object tree is well known in the art. The
converter opens a markup language file and writes a
prolog to the markup language file (step **506**). The
20   converter then opens the programming language source code
file in order to obtain programming language source code
statements that will be converted to markup language
statements (step **508**).

The converter then reads a source code statement
25   (step **510**) and uses the PLML element in the previously
generated internal data structure that corresponds to the
function, method, procedure, or API within the source
code statement (step **512**). An API is one or more
routines, subroutines, functions, methods, procedures,
30   libraries, classes, object-oriented objects, or other

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callable or invokable software objects used by an
application program or other software object to direct
the performance of procedures by the computer's operating
system or by some other software object. Using the
5   information in the corresponding PLML element, the
converter generates an element with content derived from
the source code statement (step **514**). The content is
derived from the source code statement by parsing the
source code statement according to well known methods in
10   the art. The converter then outputs the generated markup
language element to the markup language file (step **516**).
A determination is then made as to whether more source
code statements are in the programming language source
code file that need to be processed into markup language
15   statements (step **518**). If so, then the process branches
back to step **510** to repeat the process for another source
code statement. If not, then the converter concludes the
markup language file by writing the appropriate
terminating tags or information (step **520**).
20   With reference now to **Figure 6,** a flowchart depicts
a process for converting a markup language file into a
programming language source code file. The process
depicted in **Figure 6** is similar to the process discussed
with respect to **Figure 4B.** The process begins with the
25   PLML converter reading the PLML DTD file (step **602**). The
converter parses the DTD file into internal data
structures, such as an object tree representing the
hierarchy of the elements within the DTD file (step **604**).
The converter then opens the markup language file in
30   order to use the markup language file as a source of
input for generation of the programming language source

code file (step **606**).

　　　The converter reads an element from the markup language file (step **608**) and uses the stored PLML element within the internal data structure that corresponds to
5　the inputted element from the markup language file that is currently being processed (step **610**). Using the previously stored, corresponding PLML element with its associated information concerning the correspondence between PLML elements and source code statements, the
10　converter generates a source code statement with content from the element currently being processed (step **612**). The converter then outputs the generated source code statement to the source code file (step **614**). A determination is then made as to whether there are other
15　elements within the markup language file that need to be processed (step **616**). If so, then the process branches back to step **608** and repeats the process for another element within the markup language file. If not, then the converter concludes the source code file (step **618**).
20　　　　With reference now to **Figure 7,** an example of a DTD for the programming language markup language is provided. Entity **702** provides a root entity for a PLML document. Element **704** provides a root element for a PLML document. Element **706** provides a markup language element that
25　corresponds to a functionA that may be expected to be found within a programming language source code file. Element **706** for functionA also shows arg1 and arg2 as the arguments that may be expected to be found in a source code statement when a source code statement is parsed and
30　found to contain a call to functionA. The CDATA

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attribute type is a character string attribute type that, in this case, is required to be found in a markup language element for functionA. Element **706** is written in such a way that arg1 and arg2 must appear as attribute

5   types describing the corresponding function call arguments for a source code statement that contains a call to functionA. Element **708** is similar to element **706.** Element **708** provides for the element within a markup language file that corresponds to a call to

10   functionB within a source code statement that may be expected to be found in a programming language source code file. Element **708** contains a CDATA attribute type named arg1 for providing the argument value of the argument in the source code statement containing a call

15   to functionB.

With reference now to **Figure 8,** an example of a program is provided in which the program is written in the programming language that may be expected within a programming language source code file. Program **800**

20   contains a simple program of a few statements. Statements **802** are initial program statements that commence and initiate the body of the program. Statement **804** contains a call to functionA and statement **806** contains a call to functionB in a manner which

25   corresponds to the declaration of elements **706** and **708** in **Figure 7.**

With reference now to **Figures 9A** and **9B,** examples of generated markup language files are provided. These markup language files may have been generated using a

30   process similar to that described in **Figures 4A** and **5.** A

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PLML DTD file, similar to that shown in **Figure 7,** may
have been used as input to a converter that read a
programming language source code file, similar to that
shown in **Figure 8,** in order to generate the markup

5   language shown as markup language statements **900** and **920**
in the markup language files of **Figures 9A** and **9B.**

Statements **902** provide the prolog for the markup
language file or document. The prolog provides
information about the document, such as the version of

10   the markup language being used, the name of the file that
contains the DTD, etc. Statement **904** is the start tag
for the content of the markup language file. Statements
906 are comments which contain content that is identical
to statements **802** in **Figure 8** that describe the

15   declaration and initialization of the program shown
within **Figure 8.** Statement **908** provides an element for
functionA that corresponds to the call to functionA in
statement **804** in the program shown in **Figure 8.**
Statement **910** shows an element for functionB that

20   corresponds to the call to functionB in the program of
Figure 8. Statements **908** and **910** also contain attributes
providing the values of arguments that correspond to the
values of the arguments in the function calls of the
program in **Figure 8.** Statement **912** contains the

25   conclusion of the program in **Figure 8.** Statement **914**
provides the end tag for the content of the markup
language file.

Figure **9B** shows an example of a markup language file
that has been converted from program **800** shown in **Figure**

30   **8.** The markup language file of **Figure 9B** is similar to

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the markup language file of **Figure 9A** except that the
markup language file of **Figure 9B** does not contain the
declaration and initialization statements of computer
program **800** as comment statements in the markup language

5   file in a manner similar to those shown in **Figure 9A.**

Statements **922** provide the prolog for the markup
language file. Statement **924** provides the start tag for
the content for the markup language file. Statement **926**
provides an element and an attribute list for functionA

10   similar to the call to functionA in computer program **800.**
Statement **928** provides an element and an attribute list
for functionB similar to the call to functionB and
statement **806** in computer program **800.** Statement **930**
provides the end tag to the markup language file.

15   The differences between **Figures 9A** and **9B** are minor
from the perspective of the markup language file. **Figure**
9A contains additional comment statements that are not
found in **Figure 9B.** These comment statements do not
affect the parsing of the markup language file. However,

20   by placing some of the source code statements as comment
statements in the markup language file, a converter which
converts the markup language file to a programming
language source code file in a "reverse" direction may
use these comment statements to regenerate the majority

25   of the program that was the origin for the markup
language file. In other words, these comment statements
may provide for a complete conversion cycle from a
programming language source code file to a markup
language file and back to a programming language source

30   code file without the loss of any information necessary

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to compile the programming language source code file.

Rules for the inclusion of these other statements
within a markup language file may be used to determine
which portions of the original programming language
5   source code file should be included during a conversion
process to a markup language file. These rules may vary
depending upon the programming language and the markup
language being used in the conversion process. For
example, statements **804** and **806** in **Figure 8** contain the
10 use of a temporary variable named "TEMP". However,
during the conversion process of computer program **800**
into markup language file **900,** information concerning the
use of the temporary variable was dropped after a
determination that inclusion of other information
15 concerning the temporary variable was not necessary.
Alternatively, the use of the temporary variable within
computer program **800** may have been stored within
additional comment statements in markup language file
900.

20   **Figures 5** and **6** described a method for a static
conversion process for programming language source code
files and markup language files. As an alternative
method, a converter may generate a markup language file
using a dynamic conversion process that will be described
25 with respect to **Figures 10A-14.**

With reference now to **Figures 10A-10B,** block
diagrams depict software components within an executable
environment that may support the execution of an
application program. In **Figure 10A,** operating system
30 **1000** contains API **1002** that may be called by executable
application program **1004** during the course of its

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execution. In this manner, executable application **1004** is supported by API **1002** and operating system **1000**.

In **Figure 10B,** operating system **1010** has API **1012** and extended API **1014** that may be called by executable

5 application program **1016.** Extended API **1014** may provide an API that is similar to API **1012** yet also provides additional capabilities that are not necessary in a standard execution environment. In this manner, executable application program **1016** may be supported

10 during its execution of a dynamic conversion process that uses the additional functionality in extended API **1014.**

With reference now to **Figure 11,** a flowchart depicts a process for dynamically converting a program into a markup language file. The process begins when the

15 application program is loaded into an execution environment with extended APIs (step **1102**). The execution of the program is initiated (step **1104**), and the procedures within the executing program invoke the procedures within or that constitute the extended API

20 (step **1106**). The extended API procedures then generate the markup language statements (step **1108**). Steps **1106** and **1108** essentially describe steps that may be invoked multiple times during a process of generating markup language statements. The program then completes its

25 execution (step **1110**). In this manner, the executable program is allowed to execute in a normal fashion although within an environment with extended APIs. The extended APIs then provide the functionality for generating the markup language statements in a manner

30 that is further described below.

 With reference now to **Figure 12,** a flowchart depicts
the process within an extended API for generating markup
language statements. The process begins when the
executable program contains a procedure that calls the
5   API procedure in the extended API environment (step
1202). Each API procedure within the extended API
environment is responsible for parsing a PLML DTD (step
1204). In this case, the burden of locating the
appropriate PLML element that corresponds to the API
10   procedure is placed within the API procedure itself. The
location of the PLML DTD file may be obtained through a
global environment variable or some other well known
method for providing global information to multiple
procedures. Alternatively, the PLML DTD may have been
15   parsed into an internal data structure, such as an object
tree, and each API procedure is responsible for
traversing the object tree or other internal data
structure to locate the appropriate PLML element needed
for the API procedure.
20   The API procedure then gets the syntax of its
corresponding PLML element from the appropriate location
(step **1206**). The API procedure generates a PLML
statement with appropriate attributes that correspond to
the parameters that have been passed into the API
25   procedure during the API procedure call (step **1208**).
Once the PLML statement is generated, the API procedure
may optionally perform its normal execution sequence that
would be found in the standard API without the extended
API functionality for generating a markup language
30   statement (step **1210**). The API procedure then completes
its execution (step **1212**) and returns to the calling

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procedure of the executable program. The procedure
within the executable program that invoked the API then
continues with its execution within the normal control
flow of the executable program (step **1214**). In this
5   manner, the executable program is not modified in order
to produce the markup language output. The extended API
provides an interface similar to the standard API while
including additional functionality that generates the
desired markup language output. This additional
10 functionality is described in further detail with
specific examples in **Figures 13-19**.

With reference now to **Figure 13**, a block diagram
depicts a Java run-time environment that includes a
programming language to markup language converter
15 application. System **1300** contains a platform specific
operating system **1302** that supports the execution of Java
Virtual Machine (JVM) **1304**. JVM **1304** contains Graphics
classes **1306** which is a set of classes that provide
graphic contexts that allow an application to draw and
20 paint images and graphical objects on various devices.
The Graphics classes may be provided as part of the JDK
AWT classes.

In this case, the system provides conversion from
the Java programming language to the Java Graphics Markup
25 Language (JGML). Java-JGML converter application **1308**
runs within JVM **1304**. Converter **1308** is written in the
Java language and may be executed within JVM **1304** through
interpretation or just-in-time compilation. Converter
1308 contains extended graphics classes **1310** that provide
30 additional functionality to graphics classes **1306** in a

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manner similar to the components depicted in **Figure 10B**
and described in the methods of **Figures 11-12.** The
technique of extending a Java class is well known in the
art.

5   Converter application **1308** is written in the Java
language yet converts a Java language program into an
equivalent JGML file. In a static conversion process,
converter **1308** reads Java text/graphics program file **1312**
and parses the Java statements within the file in a

10   manner similar to the process described with respect to
Figures 4A and **5.** JGML DTD file **1316** provides the
grammar of the JGML that is required during the
conversion process. Converter **1308** uses the DTD file and
program file to generate JGML statements as output to

15   JGML equivalent text/graphics file **1314.**

When converter **1308** is used to convert a Java
program to a markup language file in a static conversion
process, converter **1308** does not require the additional
functionality provided within extended graphics classes

20   **1310.** Converter **1308** steps through the Java language
statements in program file **1312** and generates equivalent
markup language statements that are placed into markup
language file **1314.**

Alternatively, converter **1308** may dynamically

25   convert the Java language statements in program file **1312**
into markup language statements in markup language file
1314 in a manner similar to that described in **Figures 4B,**
6, 10B, 11, and **12.** In a dynamic conversion process
within system **1300,** JVM **1304** may load the Java program

30   within Java program file **1312** in combination with

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extended graphics classes **1310**. Extended graphics classes **1310** may be loaded simultaneously with the Java program in program file **1312** or may be included within program file **1312** as a separate class or set of classes.

5 JVM **1304** then interprets the loaded program in the standard manner. By providing the additional functionality of Java-to-JGML conversion within extended graphics classes **1310**, the Java program within program file **1312** enables its own conversion to a markup language

10 file. In this manner, the Java program within program file **1312** may be considered its own conversion application. This manner of execution is described in further detail with respect to **Figures 14-19**.

With reference now to **Figure 14,** an example of an

15 extended graphics class is provided. Extended graphics class **1400** is similar to the extended class depicted as extended graphics class **1310** in **Figure 13**. Extended class **1400** provides portions of pseudocode that describe some of the functionality that may be required to convert

20 a Java program. Line **1402** declares that the class extends the Graphics class within a Java Virtual Machine. Method **1404** provides functionality for a drawLine method that may be expected to be found within the graphics class within the JVM. In a manner similar to that

25 described with respect to **Figure 12,** the statements in method **1404** provide the functionality for generating the desired markup language statements. Line **1406** notes that each method within the extended class is responsible for parsing the JGML DTD for the proper syntax required by

30 the method.

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In this example, line **1406** notes that the drawLine method parses and analyzes the JGML DTD for the drawLine syntax. Line **1408** shows that a JGML output statement is constructed using the syntax for the drawLine method

5   obtained from the JGML DTD and from the current parameters used by the invocation of method **1404**. Line **1410** provides a pseudocode statement for outputting the JGML markup language statement to a markup language file.

Method **1412** contains similar pseudocode for

10 generating markup language output for a clearRect method invocation. Extended class **1400** may contain many other examples of methods for converting Java language statements to markup language statements. The pseudocode within the methods of extended class **1400** may also be

15 modified so that the methods do not analyze the DTD with each invocation but rather refer to a common or global, internal data structure that contains the syntax required for each element in the JGML grammar.

In general, the DTD need not contain equivalent

20 elements for all the Java APIs. Generally, it is enough to have equivalent elements in the DTD corresponding to the abstract methods in the Java class. In the typical Java design, the other methods are internally coded in Java using the abstract methods. However, for securing a

25 performance advantage and ease of programming in the markup language, the DTD may have some selected elements corresponding to non-abstract methods of Java also. By rewriting just the abstract methods of Java to generate the markup language, all the Java API's would

30 automatically get converted to the markup language.

Figures 16A and 16B contain all the Java Graphics APIs –

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both abstract and non-abstract. The Java standard
specifications indicate which of them are abstract and
which are not. **Figures 15A-E** contain the DTD elements
corresponding to almost all the abstract methods and some
5   additional methods. In some cases, the DTD has merged
several abstract methods, e.g., the drawImage methods,
into one element. In certain cases, a few Java APIs may
not need to be explicitly converted into markup language
structures even if they are abstract, and they may be
10   omitted from the markup language DTD. Hence, there is no
need for the DTD and the list of Java APIs to be
identical.

        With reference now to **Figures 15A-15E,** an example of
a DTD for the Java graphics markup language is provided.
15   Each element within the DTD corresponds to a method
within the Graphics class of the Abstract Windowing
Toolkit (AWT) in the standard Java Virtual Machine.

        With reference now to **Figures 16A-16B,** a list
provides examples of methods within the graphics class
20   that are supported within the Java graphics markup
language DTD. A comparison of the methods listed in
Figures 16A-16B and the elements in the Java graphics
markup language DTD provides a correspondence between the
methods and the elements so that the conversion of a Java
25   language program, which contains these method calls, may
be converted into appropriate elements within a markup
language file.

        With reference now to **Figure 17,** a portion of a Java
graphics markup language DTD is provided. Element **1702**
30   provides the syntax for a drawLine element that
corresponds to a drawLine function in the graphics class

of a Java Virtual Machine. Element **1704** provides a
clearRect element that corresponds to the clearRect
method in the Graphics class of the Java Virtual Machine.
Element **1702** has associated attribute list **1706** that

5   provides the syntax for including the parameters for the
drawLine method within the markup language file. Element
1704 has associated attribute list **1708** that provides the
syntax for including the parameters for the clearRect
method within the markup language file. The syntax of

10   the portion of the DTD provided within **Figure 17** is
similar to the syntax shown and explained with respect to
Figure 7.

     With reference now to **Figure 18,** a portion of a Java
program that invokes methods within the graphics class of

15   a Java Virtual Machine is provided. Statement **1802**
invokes the drawLine method with four parameters.
Statement **1804** invokes the drawLine method a second time
also with four parameters. Statement **1806** invokes the
clearRect method with four integer parameters. The

20   portion of the Java program depicted within **Figure 18** is
similar to the depiction of a program described with
respect to **Figure 8**.

     With reference now to **Figure 19,** an example of a
markup language file that uses the Java Graphics Markup

25   Language is provided. Markup language file **1900** has been
generated with reference to the grammar for the JGLM
elements shown as DTD portion **1700** in **Figure 17** and Java
language statements **1800** in **Figure 18**. Line **1902**
corresponds to statement **1802** using the drawLine element

30   **1702.** Line **1904** corresponds to statement **1804** using the

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drawLine element shown as line **1702**. Line **1906**
corresponds to statement **1806** using element **1704** for the
clearRect method invocation. JGML file **1900** may have
been produced using DTD portion **1700** and program portion
5   **1800** as inputs to a static conversion method or a dynamic
conversion method as described above with respect to
Figure 13.

The advantages of the present invention should be
apparent in light of the detailed description provided
10   above. An application written in a programming language
is translated or converted into a markup language
document in accordance with a DTD written for this
purpose. The original application may be converted
statically by another application by translating source
15   code statements to markup language statements.
Alternatively, the original application is translated
dynamically by executing the original application in an
execution environment capable of translating API
invocations to markup language statements. Once an
20   application is written, the application may be translated
to a markup language document without requiring the
knowledge of markup language syntax. The generated
document then contains the flexibility and power of an
XML-compatible markup language document that ensures that
25   the document is easily transferable and translatable yet
contains graphical capabilities in a well-known syntax.

It is important to note that while the present
invention has been described in the context of a fully
functioning data processing system, those of ordinary
30   skill in the art will appreciate that the processes of
the present invention are capable of being distributed in

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the form of a computer readable medium of instructions and a variety of forms and that the present invention applies equally regardless of the particular type of signal bearing media actually used to carry out the

5   distribution. Examples of computer readable media include recordable-type media such a floppy disc, a hard disk drive, a RAM, and CD-ROMs and transmission-type media such as digital and analog communications links.

The description of the present invention has been

10   presented for purposes of illustration and description, but is not intended to be exhaustive or limited to the invention in the form disclosed. Many modifications and variations will be apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art. The embodiment was chosen and described in

15   order to best explain the principles of the invention, the practical application, and to enable others of ordinary skill in the art to understand the invention for various embodiments with various modifications as are suited to the particular use contemplated.

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CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

5   1.   A method of processing a source code statement
written in a programming language, the method comprising
the computer-implemented steps of:
parsing a document type definition file for a markup
language;
10   parsing a source code statement from a source code
file;
selecting an element defined in the document type
definition file based on an association between the
element and an identifier of a routine in the source code
15   statement; and
writing the selected element to a markup language
file.

2.   The method of claim 1 wherein the source code
20   statement comprises parameters for the routine and
wherein the element comprises an attribute list
corresponding to the parameters.

3.   The method of claim 2 wherein the selected element
25   written to the markup language file comprises an
attribute list of values for the parameters passed to the
routine.

4.   The method of claim 1 wherein the routine is a
30   procedure, subroutine, function, method, class, or
software object.

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5.   A method of processing a markup language element,
the method comprising the computer-implemented steps of:
       parsing a document type definition file for the
5   markup language;
       parsing a markup language element from a markup
language file;
       selecting an element defined in the document type
definition file that is equivalent to the markup language
10   element from the markup language file;
       generating a source code statement using an
identifier of a routine within the selected element; and
       writing the source code statement to an output file.

15   6.   A method of generating a markup language file, the
method comprising the computer-implemented steps of:
       executing an application program;
       parsing a document type definition file for a markup
language;
20   selecting an element defined in the document type
definition file based on a routine called by the
application program; and
       writing the selected element to a markup language
file.
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7.   The method of claim 6 wherein the element comprises
an attribute list corresponding to parameters for the
routine.

30   8.   The method of claim 6 wherein the selected element
written to the markup language file comprises an

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attribute list corresponding to values for the parameters passed to the routine.

9. The method of claim 6 wherein the application
5 program is written in Java programming language.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein the routine is an extended class method.

10 11. The method of claim 9 wherein the routine is a Graphics class method.

12. A data processing system for processing a source code statement written in a programming language, the
15 data processing system comprising:

first parsing means for parsing a document type definition file for a markup language;

second parsing means for parsing a source code statement from a source code file;

20 selecting means for selecting an element defined in the document type definition file based on an association between the element and an identifier of a routine in the source code statement; and

writing means for writing the selected element to a
25 markup language file.

13. The data processing system of claim 12 wherein the source code statement comprises parameters for the routine and wherein the element comprises an attribute
30 list corresponding to the parameters.

14. The data processing system of claim 13 wherein the selected element written to the markup language file comprises an attribute list of values for the parameters passed to the routine.

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15. The data processing system of claim 12 wherein the routine is a procedure, subroutine, function, method, class, or software object.

10 16. A data processing system for processing a markup language element, the data processing system comprising:

first parsing means for parsing a document type definition file for the markup language;

second parsing means for parsing a markup language

15 element from a markup language file;

selecting means for selecting an element defined in the document type definition file that is equivalent to the markup language element from the markup language file;

20 generating means for generating a source code statement using an identifier of a routine within the selected element; and

writing means for writing the source code statement to an output file.

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17. A data processing system for generating a markup language file, the data processing system comprising:

executing means for executing an application program;

30 parsing means for parsing a document type definition file for a markup language;

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selecting means for selecting an element defined in the document type definition file based on a routine called by the application program; and

writing means for writing the selected element to a

5 markup language file.

18. The data processing system of claim 17 wherein the element comprises an attribute list of parameters for the routine.

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19. The data processing system of claim 17 wherein the selected element written to the markup language file comprises an attribute list of values for the parameters passed to the routine.

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20. The data processing system of claim 17 wherein the application program is written in Java programming language.

20 21. The data processing system of claim 20 wherein the routine is an extended class method.

22. The data processing system of claim 20 wherein the routine is a Graphics class method.

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23. A computer program product in a computer readable medium for use in a data processing system for processing a source code statement written in a programming language, the computer program product comprising:

30 first instructions for parsing a document type definition file for a markup language;

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second instructions for parsing a source code
statement from a source code file;

third instructions for selecting an element defined
in the document type definition file based on an
5 association between the element and an identifier of a
routine in the source code statement; and

fourth instructions for writing the selected element
to a markup language file.

10 24. A computer program product on a computer readable
medium for use in a data processing system for processing
a markup language element, the computer program product
comprising:

first instructions for parsing a document type
15 definition file for the markup language;

second instructions for parsing a markup language
element from a markup language file;

third instructions for selecting an element defined
in the document type definition file that is equivalent
20 to the markup language element from the markup language
file;

fourth instructions for generating a source code
statement using an identifier of a routine within the
selected element; and

25 fifth instructions for writing the source code
statement to an output file.

25. A computer program product on a computer readable
medium for use in a data processing system for processing
30 a markup language file, the computer program product
comprising:

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first instructions for executing an application
program;

second instructions for parsing a document type
definition file for a markup language;

5   third instructions for selecting an element defined
in the document type definition file based on a routine
called by the application program; and
fourth instructions for writing the selected element to a
markup language file.

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26.   A method of processing a source code statement
written in a programming language, the method comprising
the computer-implemented steps of:

parsing a grammar input file for a markup language;

15   parsing a source code statement from a source code
file;

selecting a language syntax construct defined in the
grammar input file based on an association between the
language syntax construct and an identifier of a routine

20 in the source code statement; and

writing the selected language syntax construct to a
markup language file.

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONVERTING PROGRAMS AND SOURCE
5   **CODE FILES WRITTEN IN A PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE TO EQUIVALENT**
MARKUP LANGUAGE FILES

    A method and apparatus for converting programs and
10 source code files written in a programming language to
equivalent markup language files is provided. The
conversion may be accomplished by a static process or by
a dynamic process. In a static process, a programming
source code file is converted by an application to a
15 markup language file. A document type definition file
for a markup language is parsed; a source code statement
from a source code file is parsed; an element defined in
the document type definition file is selected based on an
association between the element and an identifier of a
20 routine in the source code statement; and the selected
element is written to a markup language file. In a
dynamic process, the program is executed to generate the
markup language file that corresponds to the source code
file or presentation steps of the program. The
25 application program is executed; a document type
definition file for a markup language is provided as
input; an element defined in the document type definition
file is selected based on a routine called by the
application program; and the selected element is written
30 to a markup language file.

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Figure 1
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Figure 2

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Server

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Network

Figure 3

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Programming
Language Source
Code File
404

Program Language
Markup Language
(PLML) DTD File
402

PLML-MLPL
Converter
400

Markup
Language File
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Figure 4A
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Programming
Language Source
Code File
412

Program Language
Markup Language
(PLML) DTD File
402

PLML-MLPL
Converter
400

Markup
Language File
410

Figure 4B
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```
                    ┌─────────────┐
                    │    BEGIN    │
                    └──────┬──────┘
                           ▼
        ┌──────────────────────────────────────┐
        │  PLML-MLPL converter reads PLML DTD file │
        │                   502                  │
        └──────────────────┬───────────────────┘
                           ▼
        ┌──────────────────────────────────────┐
        │ Converter parses DTD file into internal data structure │
        │                   504                  │
        └──────────────────┬───────────────────┘
                           ▼
        ┌──────────────────────────────────────┐
        │ Converter writes prolog to markup language file │
        │                   506                  │
        └──────────────────┬───────────────────┘
                           ▼
        ┌──────────────────────────────────────┐
        │ Converter opens programming language source code file │
        │                   508                  │
        └──────────────────┬───────────────────┘
                           ▼
```

PLML-MLPL converter reads PLML DTD file
502

Converter parses DTD file into internal data structure
504

Converter writes prolog to markup language file
506

Converter opens programming language source code file
508

Converter reads source code statement
510

Yes

Converter uses PLML element that corresponds to source code statement
512

Converter generates element with content derived from source code statement
514

Converter outputs generated element to markup language file
516

More source
code statements to be processed?
518

No

Converter concludes markup language file
520

END

Figure 5

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BEGIN

PLML-MLPL converter reads PLML DTD file
602

Converter parses DTD file into internal data structure
604

Converter opens markup language file
606

Converter reads element from markup language file
608

Converter uses stored PLML element that corresponds to inputted element
610

Converter generates source code statement with content from element in markup language file
612

More elements to be processed?
616

Yes

No

Converter concludes source code file
618

END

Figure 6

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702   {   < ! ENTITY % base_content_model '(functionA | functionB)*'>

704   {   < ! ELEMENT plml   % base_content_model;>

706   {
```
< ! ELEMENT functionA  EMPTY>
< ! ATTLIST   functionA  arg1  CDATA  #REQUIRED
                        arg2  CDATA  #REQUIRED
>
```

708   {
```
< ! ELEMENT functionB  EMPTY>
< ! ATTLIST   functionB  arg1  CDATA  #REQUIRED
>
< ! -- End of DTD for Programming Language Markup Language-->
```

Figure 7

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800   {

802   {
```
main programA ( ){
integer temp;
                        initProg ( );
```

804   {   temp = functionA (5,7);

806   {   temp = functionB (25);

      }

Figure 8

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900 {

902 {
```
< ? plml version = "1.0"?>
< ! DOCTYPE plml SYSTEM "plml.dtd">
```

904 { `<plml>`

906 {
```
< ! -- main programA ( ){      --->
< ! -- integer temp;          --->
< ! -- initProg ( );          --->
```

908 { `< functionA arg1="5" arg2="7" />`

910 { `< functionB arg1="25" />`

912 { `< ! -- }                      --->`

914 { `< / plml >`

Figure 9A

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920 {

922 {
```
< ? plml version = "1.0"?>
< ! DOCTYPE plml SYSTEM "plml.dtd">
```

924 { `< plml >`

926 { `< functionA arg1="5" arg2="7" />`

928 { `< functionB arg1="25" />`

930 { `< /plml >`

Figure 9B

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900

902   { `< ? plml version = "1.0"?>`
       `<! DOCTYPE plml SYSTEM "plml.dtd">`

904   { `<plml>`

906   { `<! – main programA ( ){`   `--->`
       `<! – integer temp;`   `--->`
       `<! – initProg ( );`   `--->`

908   { `< functionA arg1="5" arg2="7" />`

910   { `< functionB arg1="25" />`

912   { `<! –}`   `--->`

914   { `</ plml >`

Figure 9A

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920

922   { `< ? plml version = "1.0"?>`
       `<! DOCTYPE plml SYSTEM "plml.dtd">`

924   { `< plml >`

926   { `< functionA arg1="5" arg2="7" />`

928   { `< functionB arg1="25" />`

930   { `</plml >`

Figure 9B

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```
+-------------------------------------------+
|      Executable Application Program       |
|                   1004                    |
+===========================================+
|   Application Programming Interface       |
|              (API)                        |
|              1002                         |
|                         +-----------------+
|                                           |
|            Operating System               |
|                   1000                    |
+-------------------------------------------+
```

Figure 10A
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```
+-------------------------------------------+
|      Executable Application Program       |
|                   1016                    |
+===========================================+
|   Extended API     |        API           |
|      1014          |        1012          |
|                    +---------------+------+
|                                           |
|            Operating System               |
|                   1010                    |
+-------------------------------------------+
```

Figure 10B
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```
                          ┌─────────────┐
                          │    BEGIN    │
                          └─────────────┘
                                 │
                                 ▼
   ┌──────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┐
   │ Load application program into execution environment with  │
   │                       extended API                        │
   │                          1102                             │
   └──────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┘
                                 │
                                 ▼
   ┌──────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┐
   │              Initiate execution of program                │
   │                          1104                             │
   └──────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┘
                                 │
                                 ▼
   ┌──────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┐
   │ Procedures within program invoke procedures within        │
   │                     extended API                          │
   │                          1106                             │
   └──────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┘
                                 │
                                 ▼
   ┌──────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┐
   │ Extended API procedures generate markup language statements│
   │                          1108                             │
   └──────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┘
                                 │
                                 ▼
   ┌──────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┐
   │                 Program completes execution               │
   │                          1110                             │
   └──────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┘
                                 │
                                 ▼
                          ┌─────────────┐
                          │     END     │
                          └─────────────┘
```

Figure 11

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```
                        ┌─────────────┐
                        │    BEGIN    │
                        └──────┬──────┘
                               │
                               ▼
        ┌──────────────────────────────────────────────────┐
        │ Program procedure invokes API procedure in        │
        │ extended API environment                          │
        │                    1202                           │
        └──────────────────────┬───────────────────────────┘
                               │
                               ▼
        ┌──────────────────────────────────────────────────┐
        │          API procedure parses PLML DTD            │
        │                    1204                           │
        └──────────────────────┬───────────────────────────┘
                               │
                               ▼
        ┌──────────────────────────────────────────────────┐
        │  API procedure gets syntax of its corresponding   │
        │                PLML element                       │
        │                    1206                           │
        └──────────────────────┬───────────────────────────┘
                               │
                               ▼
        ┌──────────────────────────────────────────────────┐
        │ API procedure generates PLML statement with       │
        │ appropriate attributes corresponding to           │
        │ parameters from API procedure call                │
        │                    1208                           │
        └──────────────────────┬───────────────────────────┘
                               │
                               ▼
        ┌──────────────────────────────────────────────────┐
        │ API procedure optionally performs normal          │
        │ execution sequence                                │
        │                    1210                           │
        └──────────────────────┬───────────────────────────┘
                               │
                               ▼
        ┌──────────────────────────────────────────────────┐
        │        API procedure completes execution          │
        │                    1212                           │
        └──────────────────────┬───────────────────────────┘
                               │
                               ▼
        ┌──────────────────────────────────────────────────┐
        │        Program procedure continues execution      │
        │                    1214                           │
        └──────────────────────┬───────────────────────────┘
                               │
                               ▼
                        ┌─────────────┐
                        │     END     │
                        └─────────────┘
```

Figure 12

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Figure 13

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```
1402 {  public class JGML Graphics extends Graphics

          public void drawLine (int x1, int y1, in x2, int y2)

          {

     1406 {    Analyze JGML DTD for "drawLine" syntax

1400      1404  1408 {    Generate JGML output statement with "drawLine" syntax and current parameters

     1410 {    printLine ("<drawLine x1=\"" + x1 + "\" y1= \"" + y1 + "\" x2=\"" + x2
                  + "\" y2=\"" + y2 + "\" />");

          }


          public void clearRect(int x, int  y, int width, int height)

          {

     1412     Analyze JGML DTD for "clearRect" syntax

               Generate JGML output statement with "clearRect" syntax and current parameters

               printLine (

               <clearRect x=\"" + x + "\" y=\"" + y + "\" width=\"" + width + "\" height=\"" + height + "\" />");

          }
```

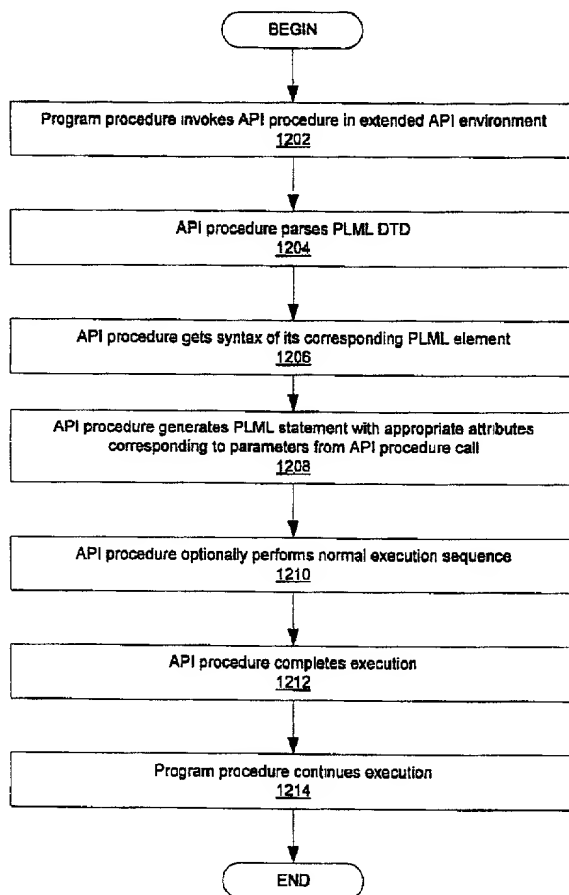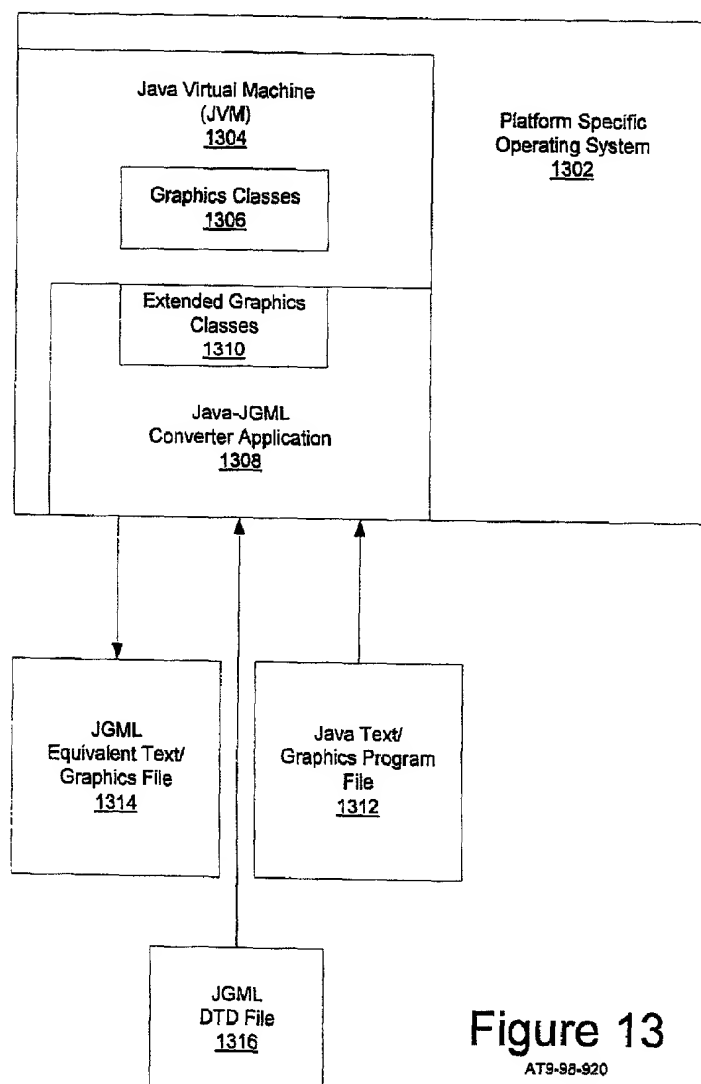# Figure 14

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```
<!-- Java Graphics Markup Language (JGML) Document Type Definition (DTD) -->
<!ENTITY % base_content_model
        '(copyArea | drawLine | fillRect | drawRect | clearRect |
          drawRoundRect | fillRoundRect | draw3Drect | fill3Drect|
          drawOval | fillOval | drawArc | fillArc | drawPolyline|
          drawPolygon | fillPolygon | drawString | drawChars|
          drawBytes | drawImage | dispose | finalize | clipRect|
          setClip | setColor | setPaintMode | translate | setXORMode |
          setFont)*'
>
<!ELEMENT jgml %base_content_model;>
<!ELEMENT copyArea      EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
        copyArea        x           CDATA       #REQUIRED
                        y           CDATA       #REQUIRED
                        width       CDATA       #REQUIRED
                        height      CDATA       #REQUIRED
                        dx          CDATA       #REQUIRED
                        dy          CDATA       #REQUIRED
>
<!ELEMENT drawLine      EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
        drawLine        x1          CDATA       #REQUIRED
                        y1          CDATA       #REQUIRED
                        x2          CDATA       #REQUIRED
                        y2          CDATA       #REQUIRED
>
<!ELEMENT fillRect      EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
        fillRect        x           CDATA       #REQUIRED
                        y           CDATA       #REQUIRED
                        width       CDATA       #REQUIRED
                        height      CDATA       #REQUIRED
>
<!ELEMENT drawRect      EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
        drawRect        x           CDATA       #REQUIRDD
                        y           CDATA       #REQUIRED
                        width       CDATA       #REQUIRED
                        height      CDATA       #REQUIRED
>
<!ELEMENT clearRect     EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
        clearRect       x           CDATA       #REQUIRED
                        y           CDATA       #REQUIRED
                        width       CDATA       #REQUIRED
                        height      CDATA       #REQUIRED
>
```
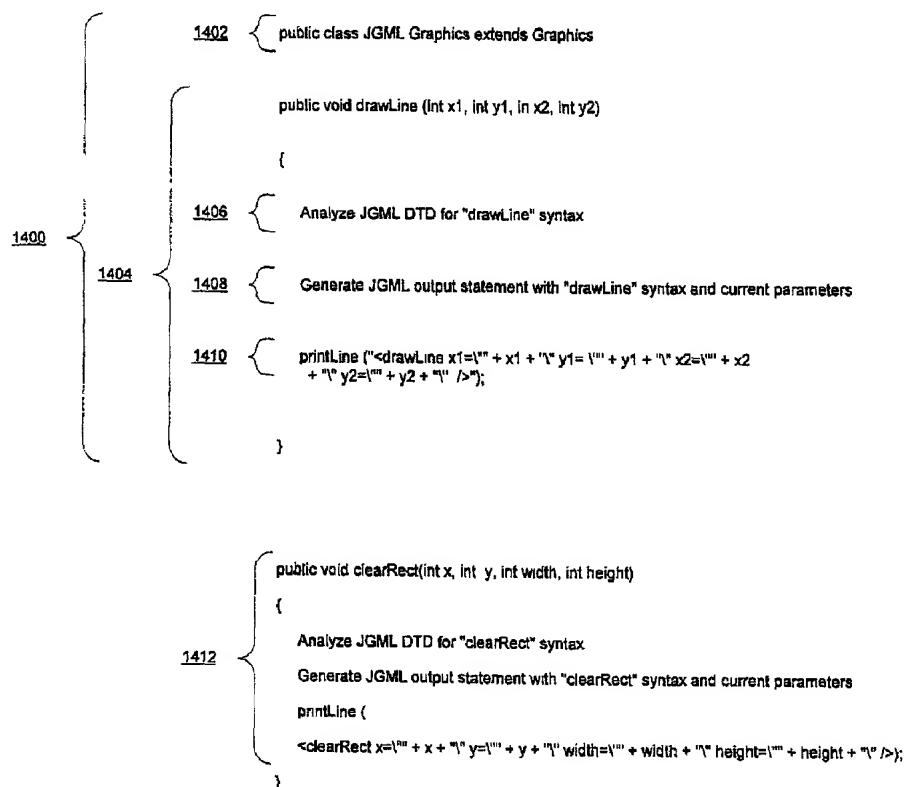
Figure 15A

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```
<!ELEMENT drawRoundRect        EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
        drawRoundRect          x          CDATA       #REQUIRED
                               y          CDATA       #REQUIRED
                               width      CDATA       #REQUIRED
                               height     CDATA       #REQUIRED
                               arcWidth   CDATA       #REQUIRED
                               arcHeight  CDATA       #REQUIRED
>
<!ELEMENT fillRoundRect        EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
        fillRoundRect          x          CDATA       #REQUIRED
                               y          CDATA       #REQUIRED
                               width      CDATA       #REQUIRED
                               height     CDATA       #REQUIRED
                               arcWidth   CDATA       #REQUIRED
                               arcHeight  CDATA       #REQUIRED
>
<!ELEMENT draw3DRect           EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
        draw3DRect             x          CDATA       #REQUIRED
                               y          CDATA       #REQUIRED
                               width      CDATA       #REQUIRED
                               height     CDATA       #REQUIRED
                               raised     CDATA       #REQUIRED
>
<!ELEMENT fill3DRect           EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
        fill3DRect             x          CDATA       #REQUIRED
                               y          CDATA       #REQUIRED
                               width      CDATA       #REQUIRED
                               height     CDATA       #REQUIRED
                               raised     CDATA       #REQUIRED
>
<!ELEMENT drawOval             EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
        drawOval               x          CDATA       #REQUIRED
                               y          CDATA       #REQUIRED
                               width      CDATA       #REQUIRED
                               height     CDATA       #REQUIRED
>
<!ELEMENT fillOval             EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
        fillOval               x          CDATA       #REQUIRED
                               y          CDATA       #REQUIRED
                               width      CDATA       #REQUIRED
                               height     CDATA       #REQUIRED
>
```

Figure 15B

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```
<!ELEMENT drawArc          EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
        drawArc            x          CDATA      #REQUIRED
                           y          CDATA      #REQUIRED
                           width      CDATA      #REQUIRED
                           height     CDATA      #REQUIRED
                           startAngle CDATA      #REQUIRED
                           arcAngle   CDATA      #REQUIRED
>
<!ELEMENT fillArc          EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
        fillArc            x          CDATA      #REQUIRED
                           y          CDATA      #REQUIRED
                           width      CDATA      #REQUIRED
                           height     CDATA      #REQUIRED
                           startAngle CDATA      #REQUIRED
                           arcAngle   CDATA      #REQUIRED
>
<!ELEMENT drawPolyLine     EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
        drawPolyLine       xPoints    CDATA      #REQUIRED
                           yPoints    CDATA      #REQUIRED
                           nPoints    CDATA      #REQUIRED
>
<!ELEMENT drawPolygon      EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
        drawPolygon        xPoints    CDATA      #IMPLIED
                           yPoints    CDATA      #IMPLIED
                           nPoints    CDATA      #IMPLIED
                           p          CDATA      #IMPLIED
>
<!ELEMENT fillPolygon      EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
        fillPolygon        xPoints    CDATA      #IMPLIED
                           yPoints    CDATA      #IMPLIED
                           nPoints    CDATA      #IMPLIED
                           Polygon    CDATA      #IMPLIED
>
<!ELEMENT drawString       EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
        drawString         str        CDATA      #REQUIRED
                           x          CDATA      #REQUIRED
                           y          CDATA      #REQUIRED
>
```

Figure 15C

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```
<!ELEMENT drawChars          EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
        drawChars            data       CDATA      #REQUIRED
                             offset     CDATA      #REQUIRED
                             length     CDATA      #REQUIRED
                             x          CDATA      #REQUIRED
                             y          CDATA      #REQUIRED
>
<!ELEMENT drawBytes          EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
        drawBytes            offset     CDATA      #REQUIRED
                             length     CDATA      #REQUIRED
                             x          CDATA      #REQUIRED
                             y          CDATA      #REQUIRED
>
<!ELEMENT drawImage          EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
        drawImage            img        CDATA      #REQUIRED
                             x          CDATA      #IMPLIED
                             y          CDATA      #IMPLIED
                             width      CDATA      #IMPLIED
                             height     CDATA      #IMPLIED
                             dx1        CDATA      #IMPLIED
                             dy1        CDATA      #IMPLIED
                             dx2        CDATA      #IMPLIED
                             dy2        CDATA      #IMPLIED
                             sx1        CDATA      #IMPLIED
                             sy1        CDATA      #IMPLIED
                             sx2        CDATA      #IMPLIED
                             sy2        CDATA      #IMPLIED
                             bgcolor    CDATA      #IMPLIED
                             observer   CDATA      #REQUIRED
>
<!ELEMENT dispose            EMPTY>
<!ELEMENT finalize           EMPTY>
<!ELEMENT clipRect           EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
        clipRect             x          CDATA      #REQUIRED
                             y          CDATA      #REQUIRED
                             width      CDATA      #REQUIRED
                             height     CDATA      #REQUIRED
>
```

Figure 15D

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```
<!ELEMENT setClip          EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
      setClip             x        CDATA      #IMPLIED
                          y        CDATA      #IMPLIED
                          width    CDATA      #IMPLIED
                          height   CDATA      #IMPLIED
                          clip     CDATA      #IMPLIED
>
<!ELEMENT setColor         EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
      setColor            color    CDATA      #REQUIRED
<!ELEMENT setPaintmode     EMPTY>
<!ELEMENT translate        EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
      translate           x        CDATA      #REQUIRED
                          y        CDATA      #REQUIRED
>
<!ELEMENT setXORMode       EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
      setXORMode          c1       CDATA      #REQUIRED
>
<!ELEMENT setFont          EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST
      setFont             font     CDATA      #REQUIRED
>
<!-- End of DTD for Java Graphics Markup Language -->
```

Figure 15E

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● clearRect (int, int, int, int)
  Clears the specified rectangle by filling it with the background color of the current drawing surface.
● clipRect (int, int, int, int)
  Intersects the current clip with the specified rectangle.
● copyArea (int, int, int, int, int, int)
  Copies an area of the component by a distance specified by dx and dy.
● create ( )
  Creates a new Graphics object that is a copy of th is Graphics object.
● create (int, int, int int)
  Creates a new Graphics object based on this Graphics object, but with a new translation and clip area.
● dispose ( )
  Disposes of this graphics context and releases any system resources that it is using.
● draw3Drect (int, int, int, int, boolean)
  Draws a 3-D highlighted outline of the specified rectangle.
● drawArc (int, int, int, int, int, int)
  Draws the outline of a circular or elliptical arc covering the specified rectangle.
● drawBytes (byte[ ], int, int, int, int)
  Draws the text given by the specified byte array, using this graphics context's current font and color.
● drawChars (char[ ], int, int, int, int)
  Draws the text given by the specified character array, using this graphics context's current font and color.
● drawImage (Image, int,int, Color, ImageObserver)
  Draws as much of the specified image as is currently available.
● drawImage (Image, int, int, int, int, Color, ImageObserver)
  Draws as much of the specified image as has already been scaled to fit inside the specified rectangle.
● drawImage (Image, int, int, int, int, ImageObserver)
  Draws as much of the specified image as has already been scaled to fit inside the specified rectangle.
● drawImage (Image, int, int, int, int, int, int, int, int, Color, ImageObserver)
  Draws as much of the specified area of the specified image as is currently available, scaling it on the fly to fit inside the specified area of the destination drawable surface.
● drawImage (Image, int, int, int, int, int, int, int, int, ImageObserver)
  Draws as much of the specified area of the specified image as is currently available, scaling it on the fly to fit inside the specified area of the destination drawable surface.
● drawLine (int, int, int, int)
  Draws a line, using the current color, between the points (x1, y1) and (x2, y2) in this graphics context" coordinate system.
● drawOval (int, int, int, int)
  Draws the outline of an oval.
● drawPolygon (int[ ], int[ ], int)
  Draws a closed polygon defined by arrays of x and y coordinates.
● drawPolygon (Polygon)
  Draws the outline of a polygon defined by the specified Polygon object.
● drawPolyline (int[ ], int[ ], int)
  Draws a sequence of connected lines defined by arrays of x and y coordinates.
● drawRect (int, int, int, int)
  Draws the outline of the specified rectangle.
● drawRoundRect (int, int, int, int, int, int)
  Draws an outlined round-cornered rectangle using this graphics context's current color.

Figure 16A
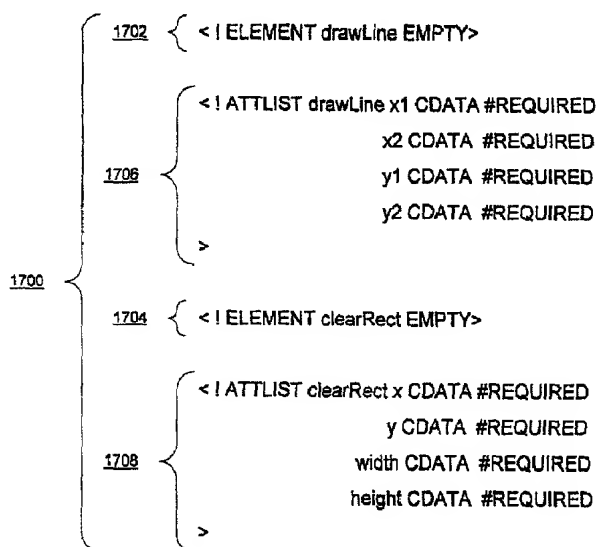
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● drawString (String, int, int)

    Draws the text given by the specified string, using this graphics context's current font and color.

● fill3Drect (int, int, int, int, boolean)

    Paints a 3-D highlighted rectangle filled with the current color.

● fillArc (int, int, int, int, int, int)

    Fills a circular or elliptical arc covering the specified rectangle.

● fillOval (int, int, int, int)

    Fills an oval bounded by the specified rectangle with the current color.

● fillPolygon (int[ ], int[ ], int)

    Fills a closed polygon defined by arrays of x and y coordinates.

● fillPolygon (Polygon)

    Fills the polygon defined by the specified Polygon object with the graphics context's current color.

● fillRect (int, int, int, int)

    Fills the specified rectangle.

● fillRoundRect (int, int, int, int, int, int)

    Fills the specified rounded corner rectangle with the current color.

● finalize ( )

    Disposes of this graphics context once it is no longer referenced.

● getClip ( )

    Gets the current clipping area.

● getClipBounds ( )

    Returns the bounding rectangle of the current clipping area.

● getClipRect ( )

    Deprecated.

● getColor ( )

    Gets this graphics context's current color.

● getFont ( )

    Gets the current font.

● getFontMetrics ( )

    Gets the font metrics of the current font.

● getFontMetrics (Font)

    Gets the font metrics for the specified font.

● setClip (int, int, int, int)

    Sets the current clip to the rectangle specified by the given coordinates.

● setClip (Shape)

    Sets the current clipping area to an arbitrary clip shape.

● setColor (Color)

    Sets this graphics context's current

● setFont (Font)

    Sets this graphics context's font to the specified font.

● setPaintMode ( )

    Sets the paint mode of this graphics context to overwrite the destination with this graphics context's current color.

● setXORMode (Color)

    Sets the paint mode of this graphics context to alternate between this graphics context's current color and the new specified color.

● toString ( )

    Returns a String object representing this Graphics object's value.

● translate (int, int)

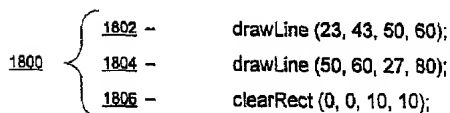   Translates the origin of the graphics context to the point (x, y) in the current coordinate system.

Figure 16B

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1700 {

1702 { < ! ELEMENT drawLine EMPTY>

1706 {
```
< ! ATTLIST drawLine x1 CDATA #REQUIRED
                     x2 CDATA  #REQUIRED
                     y1 CDATA  #REQUIRED
                     y2 CDATA  #REQUIRED
>
```

1704 { < ! ELEMENT clearRect EMPTY>

1708 {
```
< ! ATTLIST clearRect x CDATA #REQUIRED
                      y CDATA  #REQUIRED
                      width CDATA  #REQUIRED
                      height CDATA  #REQUIRED
>
```

Figure 17

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1800 {
- 1802 – drawLine (23, 43, 50, 60);
- 1804 – drawLine (50, 60, 27, 80);
- 1806 – clearRect (0, 0, 10, 10);

Figure 18

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```
< ? xml version="1.0" ? >
< ! DOCTYPE jgml SYSTEM "jgml.dtd" >
< jgml >
< drawLine x1="23" y1="43" x2="50 y2="60" / >
< drawLine x1="50" y1="60" x2="27 y2="80" / >
< clearRect x="0" y="0" width="10" height="10" / >
< /jgml >
```

1900   1902   —   (line) 1902
1904   —   (line) 1904
1906   —   (line) 1906

Figure 19

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